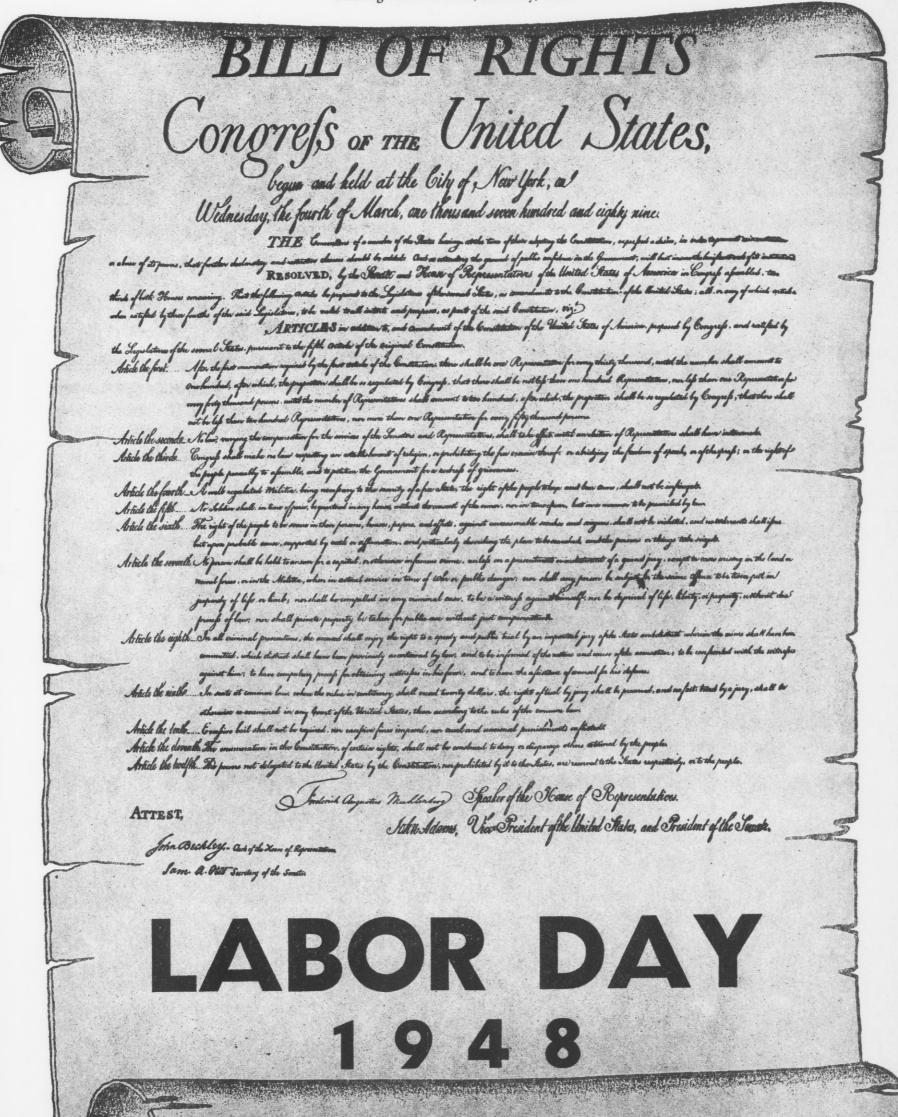
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General Teamsters' Union Traces Progress in Five Years; Growth Of All Labor in Area Is Aided

By PETER A. ANDRADE

Secretary-Treasurer, General Teamsters' Union 890

General Teamsters' Union 890 of Monterey County has recently moved into a new office located at 274 East Alisal Street, in Salinas. This office contains 1,500 square feet of floor space with a large general office, office for business agents and secretary, and executive board room, with all the necessary facilities, including air conditioning.

The importance behind all of this is that on August 5, 1943, when this local was chartered, it ually striving to better this plan had but a handful of members. It has grown since that time to an and other forms of medical assistorganization representing from one ance will be given our members. to two thousand members, depending on the season. The general

The present officers are: Albert A. Harris, president and business office is in Salinas, with a branch representative; Ray Burditt, vice-

> This union also employs Frances Haynes and Bernice Redlin as office secretaries in Salinas, and Louise Raines, office secretary in

All of the above, with few exceptions, have been with this local union since its inception. Their efforts, their hard work, have certainly contributed to what progress this union has made.



PETER A. ANDRADE

office in Monterey, and eight people are employed.

Since 1943, a continual struggle has been going on by this organization - organizing the unorganized workers not only in the teaming craft, but also assisting new locals which have been born since 1943. This union has also interested itself in many community activities and has contributed generously in money and in other ways to the community. This organization is operated in a democratic fashion and is continually striving to better wages, hours and working conditions for its members.

At the present time, assistance is being rendered to the newlychartered organization made up of several thousand shed workers who have seceded from the FTA-CIO, and have formed what is known as Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, Local 912, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, A. F. of L. The local's officers, seeing this to be the only solution to their problem so that they could continue as a free union, bolted the FTA and voluntarily have come into the fold of a free democratic labor movement.

Local 890 has made progress consistent with our International Union's policies, in assisting the community and our members in many ways. We have an insurance plan which covers every member

president (employed at the Monte-

regardless of age. We are contin-

whereby some day hospitalization

rey Ice and Development Co.); Peter A. Andrade, secretary-treasurer and business representative; William G. Kenyon, recording secretary and business representative; Glen Wilkerson, business agent; Gerald Burns, trustee (employed at the Yellow Cab Co.); Manuel Martin, trustee (employed at the Golden State Milk Co.); Tom Rubio, trustee (employed at the Salinas Valley Ice Co.).

the Monterey sub-office.

Quick Answer

A teacher was giving his class a lecture on charity. "Willie," he said, "if I saw a boy beating a donkey and stopped him from doing so, what virtue should I be showing?"

Willie (promptly): "Brotherly

Got Labor's Vote -And Remembers

Sheboygan, Wis. - Because secretaries of the chambers of commerce but not secretaries of labor organizations were invited to attend a meeting of mayors of a section of Wisconsin, Mayor Willard Sonnenburg of this city refused to attend.

"If we are to invite secretaries of chambers of commerce, then we should invite secretaries of labor organizations in these communities. It is my opinion that it is unwise to invite one and not the other," Sonnenburg wrote to Manitowoc's Mayor Herbert Schipper.

Sheboygan's mayor, a Democrat, was re-elected with the backing of both the AFL and CIO two years ago.

Heavier Vote Is Political League's Aim

Secretary, United AFL Political and Educational Committee of Monterey County.

Analysis of any election returns will prove that a light vote is usually a reactionary vote and that one of the main problems of labor's political league is registering and turning out the vote of working people. Monterey's political and educational committee is concentrating on this program.

In 1944, 48 million people voted in the United States, over 31/2 million in California. In 1946, eight million of these voters stayed home and in California well over a million were dropped from the rolls because they didn't vote. This light vote of 1946 put into office the Taft-Hartley Congress, a body elected by 23 million out of 90 million citizens of voting age!

The reactionary sweep in the primaries this year can be linked directly with the two million voters who failed to vote and the three million or more who still are not registered in California. The fact that registration is lowest in housing projects and districts where working people live points to a need for all-out action on registration before it closes September 23, and on turning out the voters on November 2.

In Monterey County, deputy registrars attend union meetings and register those who have never registered, or who have moved or been dropped for failure to vote. Registrars in the Teamsters' and Cannery Workers' and other union offices register members as they pay dues. We are trying to register not only union members but their families as well.

The mechanics of getting out this vote is as simple and as effective as possible. Every union is asked to fill out a 3x5 card for each member, giving his name and local, his home and mailing address and his phone. The committee checks these against the great register and puts his precinct on the next line. Any persons who aren't registered are discovered in this way and the check usually stirs all the membership into getting around to actually getting

The cards from all locals are combined and sorted by precincts, resulting in a file of all AFL members arranged by precincts. One or more persons in each precinct can then use these cards, checking them against the precinct list of those who have and who have not voted, to turn out every labor vote in the precinct. Every polling place posts a list of those who have and have not voted yet on election day.

Government can be and stay representative only when its citizens use their patriotic right and duty to register and vote. The reapportionment of the State Senate on a population basis will ers have put into office.

ACTIVE



WILLIAM G. KENYON, better known by his nickname of "Bud" to his countless friends, is again secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, re-elected last month. "Bud" has served the council as secretary nearly eight years, although he was out of office for about two years while he was getting accustomed to his new duties as business representative for General Theatre, in Salinas. Teamsters Union 890. Kenyon formerly was secretary of Salinas Barbers Union 827. In addition to his council duties, Kenyon is active in many civic organizations and is known throughout the state for his work in behalf of Organized

Says GOP Plays Politics With Atomic Energy

Washington - Minority members of the Joint Congressional atomic energy committee May 24 charged Republican leaders with playing politics with atomic energy.

The committee majority sent a bill to the Senate May 17 which would put a 2-year limit on terms of members of the Atomic Energy Commission. The action was widely interpreted as a slap at AEC chief David Lilienthal and a move to insure Republican control of the AEC in event of a Republican election

victory in November. confidence in the present members of the AEC. In the face of this evidence, the report said, Republican leaders in the Senate said they would "go slow" on confirmation of any appointments made by President Truman. The report said that fiddling with fission is an extremely dangerous pastime."

make California government more democratic, but only a heavy labor vote in November will put this over and get rid of the mis-representatives whom a handful of vot-

IATSE Growth, **Progress Here** Told by Wilson

Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators, Local 611 of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties, in past years is a picture of growing theatre business in the area, according to James W. Wilson, business manager of the union.

Starting out with 15 members, the union now has 38 operators and, with the building increase in new theatres, the outlook is for about 50 members in a year or so, Wilson added.

It has become necessary for Business Manager Wilson to appoint two assistant business managers to help him handle activities in the union's jurisdiction. Paul Funchess handles the Monterey district of seven theatres. George Smith takes care of the Salinas district with five theatres and two drive-in theatres.

Wilson recently completed negotiations for new contracts covering three new theatres of the areathe Capitola Theatre, in Capitola; the Sky View Drive In Theatre, in Salinas, and the Auto Movie

Other new theatres are planned and the union hopes to have these under contract as soon as they are built, Wilson added.

"The outlook for Local 611 is for about 32 theatres in our jurisdiction in the very near future," Wilson reports.

"All new theatres are installing latest in sound and equipment."

Stationary used by Local 611 has a unique feature. Whenever a theatre is signed to contract, the town in which the theatre is located is placed on the stationary. Nine towns are now listed, Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Salinas, Hollister and Gilroy, and Wilson said he is ready to order new stationary when more theatres are signed up so that all towns of jurisdiction will be listed properly.

C OF C TAKES CREDIT FOR MUNDT BILL

Washington-The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, organ of big b The minority report cited leading ness, takes credit for the social scientists to show that all had full subversive Activities Control bill, written by Rep. Karl E. Mundt, (R., S. Dak.) of the House un-American activities committee.

In a bulletin called Business Action, the Chamber said the Mundt bill closely follows "the National Chamber's testimony of a year ago."

The C. of C. also had a major share in the drafting of the Taft-Hartley law. In an adjoining column in the same bulletin businessmen are invited to submit new anti-labor devices to the joint congressional committee on labormanagement relations.



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JOKES

Victim (to thug with blackjack): "Surely, you are not going to rob

Thug: "Oh, no! Me pardner around the corner does that. Hold still—I only give the anesthetic!"

Maiden aunt to clerk (in Christmas toy department): "Now I want a nice toy, please, suitable for a small boy whose father is very corpulent and unable to do any kneeling."

Mrs. Simpleton was being treated for eye trouble, and one day called at the office of the doctor.

"Doctor," said she, "I forgot to ask you about that eye lotion you sent me."

"Well, what have you done about it?"

"Nothing yet," she replied. "Do I drop it in my eyes before or after meals?"

Matron (to maid who has just given notice): "Haven't we always treated you as one of the family?"

Maid: "Yes, ma'am, you have and I can't stand it any longer."

Teacher: "Now, children, every morning you ought to take a cold bath and that will make you feel rosy all over. Are there any questions?"

Boy in back of room: "Yeah, teacher, tell us more about Rosie."

Professor: 'How old now would be a person born in 1894?" Student: "Man or woman?"

"Your methods of cultivation are hopelessly out of dafe," said the youthful agricultural college graduate to the old farmer. "Why, I'd be astonished if you got even ten pounds of apples from that tree."

pounds of apples from that tree."
"So would I," replied the farmer.
"It's a pear tree."

A girdle is a garment that prevents a lot of loose walk.

If you want enemies excel others; if friends, let others excel you.

"Why did you stop singing in the choir, Thomas?"

"Well one Sunday I was sick and didn't sing, and a lot of people in the congregation asked if the organ had been fixed."

Sadie: "That husband of mine is a worm if there ever was one." Daisy: "Yes, I just saw a chicken pick him up."

The other day a contractor went to inspect a row of partly-finished cottages he was building. This was a hurry-up job that had to be completed by the first of the month. The prospective owners had paid down their money and were anxious to move in.

Reaching the first house, the contractor stationed his foreman on the other side of a wall, and then called out, "Can you hear me?"

"Yes, I can," rejoined the foreman.

"Can you see me?" the contractor next called out?"

"No," replied the foreman.
"That," commented the contractor, "is what I call a good wall!"

No piled-up wealth, no social station, no throne, reaches as high as that spiritual plane upon which every human being stands by virtue of his humanity.—Chapin.

The longshoremen were busy loading a ship. The smallest of them was working the end of the line, handing the packages to the man off the ship. After about an hour's work, an anvil was passed down the line. When it came to the little longshoreman, he lost his balance and fell into the ocean. He went down, surfaced after a moment and shouted, "Help!"

No one went down after him. Down he went for a second time, surfaced and again shouted, "Help!"

Still, no one paid any attention to him. Another moment and he went down for a third time, surfaced and shouted desperately: "If somebody doesn't help me, I'm going to drop this anvil!" LABOR DAY GREETINGS FROM

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Culinary - Bar Joint Boards **Tell Progress**

By ALFRED J. CLARK Secretary, Local Joint Executive Board, Bartenders Union 545 and Culinary Alliance 467, of Salinas.

As is true of most labor organizations, we of Locals No. 467 and 545 have had our share of troubles. In 1927 a small group of enthusiastic craftsmen was granted a charter for a mixed local—that is, the cook and bartender are memstruggling along for a few years but the lean years between 1927 and 1934 were too much and it finally ended in disorganization.

In 1935 a handful of laborminded people formed a committee which started a campaign for new members and a new organization. Out of that campaign, but only after hard work and setbacks, a reorganizational charter was granted by the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America to Local No. 467 and a new charter was granted to the charter members creating Bartenders Union No. 545.

The membership has grown steadily from the 25 charter members in each local to over 300 members in the Local No. 467 and 150 members in Local No. 545. We can see a potential membership for both locals of 700 members, if fuel pump and determine its efour present progress in organizational work stays at its present

The territory over which we have jurisdiction covers north from San Arno to 18 miles north of Salinas, and from Moss Landing to self and others a chance to avoid Hollister and surrounding area on an accident. the east.

We have never experienced a major strike. However, in 1936 one individual establishment was picketed and again in 1938, and 1946, an individual house was placed on the unfair list and picketed. All controversies were settled within a few days.

The past, as well as the present officers have succeeded in building up a harmonious relationship between the employer and the union, which is a good condition to have existant when you have to negotiate and iron out the differences that arise between the employer and the employee.

In our international where there are two or more chartered locals in the area, there must be set up a Local Joint Executive Board between the locals involved. These boards have broad powers conferred upon them but are governed by the international by-laws. This board, in the past, has only functioned when and where it was absolutely necessary to function.

Shortly after the officers for the year 1948 were elected and installed the L. J. E. B. was again reformed and now is the controlling body of our two locals. It holds its regular meeting once each month and is on call session between regular meeting dates.

The L. J. E. B. of Salinas is now represented by Brother Cecil Hauntz, president, Sister Tina Moore, vice president, and Sister Bertha Boles, for Culinary Alliance No. 467, and Brothers Wm. K. Harmon, Pete C. Balestra and Alfred J. Clark, secretary for Bartenders Union No. 545.

Locals No. 467 and 545 have joined hands with the Culinary and Bartenders Union, Local No. 483 of Monterey and the Culinary and Bartenders Union, Local No. 345 of Watsonville, with the locals A youth, a maid, a bench, a moon from San Jose sitting in whenever possible to form what we call the Monterey Bay Area Mutual Benefit Association.

This association meets once a month on a mutually accepted date, rotating around the cities of the locals and discussing the problems of our various locals and especially those of a mutual character. We co-ordinate as many of our programs as is consistent with

The present officers of Culinary

USE LOWER GEAR-The speed of the fan of an automobile engine is an important factor towards helping to keep the engine from overheating. On cars equipped with manual gear shift control, it is advisable to shift to a lower gear when the car begins to slow down on a grade. Shifting to a lower gear increases the fan and water pump speed.

INSPECT BRAKE DRUMS -Automobile wheels should be removed for inspection of brake drums at least once each season, and oftener if the car is used exmembers from the dishwasher to tensively. Neglected brakes may operate, but scored brake drums bers of the same local. This local result when lining wears thin and rivets are allowed to cut grooves in the drums.

> WEAR ON SPRINGS—Defective shock absorbers, by allowing too much flexing, will definitely shorten the life of an automobile spring.

USE WIPER BLADE-Carry a discarded windshield wiper, still in fair condition, in the glove compartment of your car. It makes a handy squeegee to remove dew that may accumulate on the windshield during outside night park-

Automobile fuel pumps deteriorate gradually with use. The inconvenience of experiencing sudden fuel pump failure can be avoided by replacement, which is simple and inexpensive. Any competent mechanic can check your ficiency.

When things happen at high speed, they happen faster than the average driver can react to the danger. Slow down and give your-

Defective shock absorbers on a motor vehicle are a definite accident hazard until replaced or repaired. By failing to hold the car body evenly and firmly, a defective shock absorber may cause the car to swerve out of control when brakes are applied suddenly.

A Union Man

To be sincere, we must believe, What heart and soul and mind conceive,

From barefoot boy, through years of gray,

These lingering thoughts live day by day.

You believe they are right,, they've proved their worth And we champion their cause when gone from earth

And when we're gone, a whisper-

ing wave Of vibrating ether from the grave Will echo forth and carry on, Our lifetime plea for unison,

For comradeship, the tie that guards

The harmony of just rewards. I cannot think these thoughts are vain

Or personal, for selfish gain, But revelation, justice brings To ones who wish for better

things. My vision scans the broadened

Of thoughts above and gives me hope.

And that is why I'm satisfied And appreciate with trust and pride

That ceaseless effort that began In the heart and soul of a UNION MAN.

_J. E. Smith.

Going! Going! Gone!!

A silence most intense;

A sigh, a laugh, a maid, a loon, Embarrassment immense; A waist, an arm, a squeeze, a kiss The pale moon over all;

O love! O joy! Ecstatic bliss! A wedding in the fall.

Harmon, vice president; Sister Bertha Boles, secretary-treasurer and business agent. For Bartenders Union No. 545, officers are: William K. Harmon, president; Virgil Knight, vice president and

Teacher-"Johnny, how do you

spell 'Imbecile'?" Johnny-"I-m-b-u-s-s-u-l."

Teacher-"Thedictionary spells it

"i-m-b-e-c-i-l-e'." Johnny-"Yeah. But you asked me how I spell it."

An American resident in China remonstrated with her houseboy for taking her linen into her bedroom without knocking.

"That's all right, Missy," said the through keyhole. Nothing on, no native. "Every time come, lookee come in."

"What kind of oil do you use in your car. Bill?"

"Oh, I usually start out by telling 'em how lonely I am."

Mechanic: "Did you hear about the battery man? He drank some sulphuric acid by mistake last

Gas Pumper: "Hurt him?" Mechanic "Naw. Only thing that bothers him is he makes holes in his handkerchief everytime he blows his nose."

Man-How do you feel this morning?

Voice on Phone-Fine. Man-Sorry, wrong number.

My friend Maud has been married three times and all her husbands names were William.

"Why, she must be a regular Bill collector.

"Aren't some of the hats women wear absurd?"

"Yes," replied Miss Catty, "and yet when some people put them on they look appropriate."

Working for labor certainly teaches one diplomacy. There was the business agent who was able to make his wife believe she'd look fat in a fur coat.

HE (in hotel dining room)-A

scientist says that what we eat we become.

SHE (seizing the menu)-Let's order something rich.

The young son of one of our business agents called at the office and said to the secretary, "I want a coca-cola."

"Sorry sonny," she said, "I haven't any coca-cola."

"You have too," he wailed. "My daddy says you have everything."

Why do you want a new trial?" "On the grounds of newly discovered evidence, your honor."

"What is the nature of it?" "My client has dup up \$400 I didn't know he had."

Union Pacific Railroad Company, although the owner of vast deposits of coal in the Rockies, is purchasing dieselelectric locomotives, it is reported.

From the equality of rights springs the identity of the highest interests. You cannot subvert your neighbor's rights without striking a dangerous blow at your own. - Carl



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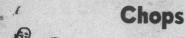
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FOUR STEPS TO STOP MONOPOLIES

With 1132 firms now charged with violating the anti-trust laws—131 under formal indictment, the others charged in civil suits or complaints—*The Machinist* took to Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) the question: What can be done to stop this tide of monopoly?

O'Mahoney, a long-time foe of the trusts, proposed these four steps that Congress can and should take to reinforce the anti-trust laws:

• Provide adequate funds for full enforcement of the anti-trust laws.

• Amend the Clayton Act to give the Federal Trade Commission power to stop monopolistic mergers through the purchase of assets of competing corporations.

• Enact a law to require all corporations doing business in the United States to file with an appropriate government agency full information about the overseas contracts.

 Require national charters for national corporations thus giving the Federal Government an effective means for breaking up monopoly practices.

In a statement to *The Machinist*, Senator O'Mahoney explained:

"I have never pretended to say precisely what provisions should be written into a law to establish national standards for national corporations.

"I have been content to try to close some of the loopholes by which abuses have arisen. For example:

example:

"The interlocking directorships

ships.

"The lack of responsibility in officers and directors for the acts

of the corporation.

"The manipulation of corporation assets for the payment of

dividends out of capital.

"The reimbursement by the corporation of expenditures by directors or officers for corporate policies or programs in violation of the law.

• "The continued elimination of competition by the multiplication of mergers.

"If we would prevent the final merger of our whole emergency in one central merger in government, we must act now to prevent piecemeal mergers which are depriving the people in the states of economic independence."

Senator O'Mahoney cited figures from the Internal Revenue Bureau showing that 455 corporations, constituting less than one-eighth of one per cent of the corporations in the country, now own 51 per cent of the assets of all corporations in the United States.

"When that single fact is grasped," he said, "it becomes clear immediately why cities and states are turning to Washington for Government action."

—The Machinist

Firm's Rules Bar Jobs to Older Men

Albany, N.Y.—A survey of industrial firms in New York state has revealed that 39 per cent have rules barring the employment of older workers.

Half of all firms queried by the Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aging have set age barriers at 55 or lower, 25 per cent refuse to hire workers over 45 and a few revealed to the committee age limits as low as 35.

The study showed that older workers have a greater chance of employment with small firms than with large ones. Although Committee Chairman Thomas C. Desmond (R.) evinced concern at the facts established by the survey, he told newsmen he is "reluctant at present" to suggest legislation prohibiting age barriers in employment.

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LABOR DAY AND A FEW

Secretary, Santa Cruz Butchers' Union 266 and District Representative for Butchers' Union

First a word or two about Local No. 266-the Butchers' Union of Santa Cruz.

From a small local-chartered in August 1919 by our international union-Local 266 has grown in numbers until there are now about 140 good union men and women within the folds of the

Of course, 140 members is not a "big" union, but, as it is said, "all things are relative."

This is in Santa Cruz-a hard town to organize. Retail Clerks and Culinary Workers can testify to this, and so can our friends the Painters and the Auto Mechanics!

Local No. 266 is one of the best unions in Santa Cruz. It is unique in one respect particularly. Originally composed of meatcutters, slaughterhouse men and one or two sausage makers, now we have the tanners, the egg workers, fish butchers and the above referred to original crafts within the folds of this more or less happy family.

But it seems that, in the long run, this "mixed" local will be the means whereby a better understanding between workers can be accomplished. It will help them to realize that fundamentally the things appears, time and time problems of a union people are again, to be the very thing that alone and that the butcher, the strangles our society. baker and the candlestick maker, the man who bakes cake and the girl with the egg, must stick together like thieves at a fair, if they would win the struggle for a better life.

A special word should be said for the women members of our union. They, of course, are the "girls" who work in the plant of the Central California Poultry Producers, as, fine a lot of union MEN as one can find anywhere. Fine average attendance, prompt payment of dues (and fines, if any) and willingness to serve.

The contributions to the Political Education League from the "girls" averaged better than \$1 per. Yes! Local 266 is proud of the women members, all of whom realize the improvement in working conditions and wage rates which organization has brought them, and appreciate it!

And so this is Labor Day, 1948! Santa Cruz is going to celebrate as it never did before. Last year's affair was a great success, but this year we shall see a real united front in action.

Preparations are made for a great parade-bands, floats, union men and women, veterans of foreign wars, pension groups-all common folks banded together by common ties and interests, will parade together, barbecue together, listen to labor speakers, speakers and others, and play together-forgetting for one day at least the trials and tribulations of other days.

And all is NOT well with our country this Labor Day.

The thunder of the last war with its inconceivable destruction of life and property had scarcely died away when fresh clouds banked up on every horizon.

Today one false move—a simple spark - may set off the force which, it seems, is the only way to give peace to this good earth of ours-the peace of total destruction-the peace of annihilation! That is the alternative to learning to live together in life and peace!

It is just that simple! After the next war, men—if any remain—will really "go back to where they came from." Out of the darkness of the cave he came and into the darkness he will go-always with the proviso that anyone is left. SHALL IT BE AGAIN?

All is not well. No, there seems to be sickness in our society. This is generally conceded to be true.

The symptoms are too apparent: tremendous productive capacity, downhill gets bigger all the time. sufficient to provide all of us not only with the necessities but also



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with all the luxuries of life. But being conducted by the National this wonderful capacity to make

1. Short periods of prosperitycollapse-

Count these three, then look over the history of the last 60 years - one half of the world starving; the other half dumping potatoes, apples, oranges, etc. to keep prices up!

Government "experts" scared to death because there is too much wheat in storage, a bumper new crop expected, and a good harvest coming up in Europe!

Round steak \$1 per pound, because "feed" (wheat) is too high to feed to cattle.

Eggs 75 to 80 cents per dozen. The small chicken raiser can't afford the price of chicken feed!

And so one might go on forever.

If ever there was glorious cacaphony of discordant sounds, listen to the "doctors"—called "political economists." It would be funny if it were not so serious!

The reason for our ills reaches all the way from under-consumption to over-production! From short hours demanded by unions to long hours demanded by bosses! From wage raises received by workers for work honestly performed to wage cuts which should take place at once by those who control industry! From buyers' resistance to too much easy credit,

buying too freely! And so on ad infinitum.

(The more intelligent among the "doctors" blame sun-spots, the weather, the boll weevil, or the Russians!)

But even the few who have made a really scientific analysis and who really know fairly well what the trouble is, dare not say what they think, this being 1948, the FBI, the Taft-Hartley law, the Mundt-Nixon bill, Negro lynchings and tyranny.

The "doctors" think the ERP and price control will do the job of restoring the patient to health.

Anything but the plain simple truth: "You own my house if you own the property that doth sustain my house! You own my life if you own the means whereby I live!"

Well, those who still have eyes to see know who OWNS the properties that sustain and uphold our national structure. No one can deny that a very, very small portion of our people own the means whereby the nation lives. That portion is getting smaller all the time, just as a snow ball rolling

The time is short! Wake up, America!

Labor Thanked For Aid Given Work to Get

"The children of America owe a great debt of gratitude to organized labor," declared James Myers, Membership Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, in a special Labor Day message released by local unions.

Recalling that "it was the trade unions which started a successful agitation for free public schools in early American history," Mr. Myers pointed out Labor has been a major influence ever since in freeing children from toil in factory, mine and field and providing them with increasing opportunities for education.

"The job is far from done," Myers said, "for even today there are nearly two million children 14-17 years of age employed in industry and agriculture. Laws in many states must be strengthened and better enforcement provided. 44 State Legislatures will meet this coming season."

"Attention must also once more be turned on our schools. Do they offer the kind of courses which will prove attraction and useful to young people and give them preparation for intelligent citizenship in a democracy? A study of 'why children leave school' now Child Labor Committee promises to make some significant revelations on this subject.'

"On Labor Day, it is well for us all to remember that any civili-2. Industrial slumps, financial zation can be judged by the welfare of its children."

Myers is the author of Do You Know Labor, and was for many years Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Upon retirement he joined the staff of the National Labor Committee.

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1887		30 or 31
1888		32 or 33
1889		34 or 35
1890	***************************************	36 or 37
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A college man took his father to a football game.

"Now, dad," he said as they took their seats, "you'll see more excitement for two dollars than you ever

saw before." 6"I don't know about that," replied the old gentleman. "That's what I paid for my marriage li-

Husband (struggling with budget, to wife)-"We should have saved during the depression so we could live through this prosperity."

Creeping close to mid-January's postwar peak, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' comprehensive index for mid-June stood at 165 per cent of the 1926 average.

1891 38 or 39 1892 (or later) 40

Where two figures appear in the second column, the smaller figure is for persons whose birthday is in the first half of the year; the larger is for those born in the last half

A "quarter of coverage" is any calendar quarter in which you were paid \$50 or more wage for jobs covered by the Social Security Act. (A calendar quarter is a three-month period beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1.) The social security program began January 1, 1937.

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Household Hints

When stucco is repaired the patched places often show up badly, but the surface can be restored to a uniform color by use of a coldwater wash.

However, once stucco is painted it requires the same attention as do painted surfaces of other materials.

Cement washed or practically any color can be prepared by using the proper portions of gray and white cement, and light or dark sand, with a small amount of mineral pigment.

A mixture of one part white cement and one part yellow sand, all passing the No. 20 sieve, with hydrated lime to the amount of five per cent of the weight of the cement will give a good, practically white color.

In preparing the mix, the cement, lime, coloring material, and sand should be properly proportioned and thoroughly mixed dry. The dry batch should be large enough to do the entire job or at least one side of the structure, in order to maintain uniformity of color.

Pour the dry material into a bucket containing clean water and stir vigorously until it has the consistency of a stiff oil paint. The mixture, while being applied, should be stirred from time to time with the brush. In refilling the container, clean out and discard all of the old wash, and use the same amount of clean dry materials as was used in the previous batch.

The area to be coated should be thoroughly wetted just before applying the wash, but there should be no free water on the surface. Start at the top and one end of the wall and brush on the wash to the thinnest possible coat which will cover the surface. A thick coating is liable to crack or peel. The work should be carried on so that the jointings come at natural breaks in the surface, and care should be taken to blend the adjoining areas together to prevent lines showing between them.

After the coating has been applied it should be gently sprinkled with water for several days. If it dries out before the cement has attained its set, the wash will eventually dust off, he period of sprinkling may be greatly shortened by dissolving four pounds of commercial calcium-chloride crystals in each 12 gallons of water used in mixing the wash. The chemical aids in securing early set and strength.

STICKING DRAWERS
One of the most common house-hold nuisances is sticking dresser drawers. This is often caused by damp weather. The wood in the table swells as it absorbs moisture and the drawer becomes warped and binds.

Yet this inconvenience is one that householders do not have to put up with. The cure is simple, as explained by the National Bureau of Standards.

Remove the drawer, lay it on a work bench or on the floor, and plane the bottom edges or the sides until the drawer slides in and out readily.

Never plane the top edges as this will spoil the appearance when the drawer is open. After finishing the planing, apply paraffin to the runways and to the bottom edges of the drawer to make it run smoothly.

STICKING DOORS

Sticking doors can often be corrected by tightening the hinges or by placing cardboard "shims" under the hinge leaves.

Sometimes the trouble can only be corrected by planing off the top or bottom of the door. Care should be taken, however, not to plane off too much since the wood will probably shrink when dry weather comes.

Oftentimes the trouble can be corrected by rubbing the sticking edges with paraffin, and no planing will be necessary.

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Three cops jump a member of the Canadian Seaman's Union picketing Great Lakes shipping companies which refuse to recognize the union. The Canadian government has been giving open support to the companies to break the strike.

Labor Force Grows

Demands for construction and agricultural workers exerts such pressure on supply that, even though the labor force in the United States in the last 12 months has increased by about a million, the trades suffer from a shortage of manpowerespecially in skilled crafts.

This is one of the conclusions that can be affirmed from a study the underlying strength of the deof the country's labor supply just mand for additional workers, which released by Ewan Clague, U. S. seasonal and other temporary Commissioner of Labor Statistics. tors have tended to obscure.

The statement points out that up the needs which may arise out the coming year will be large although not necessarily in terms peak of 64 million. of the particular types of workers or particular labor market areas.

The past year's growth in the labor force was readily absorbed by American trade and industry, so that unemployment in April was actually somewhat less than a year ago, according to both Census Bureau and unemployment bor force growth.

compensation data. This highlights seasonal and other temporary fac-

Should only seasonal and normal while it is not yet possible to add growth factors operate in the coming months, the total labor force of the defense measures recently (including the armed forces and adopted or under consideration, it the unemployed) can be expected appears that the labor supply in to exceed 65 million this summer, as against the April level of 62 enough to meet potential demands, million and last summer's seasonal

The Census Bureau estimates an increase in the labor force of more than a million in the past 12 months, which is about a half million greater than the increase which would have been expected to occur on the basis of population changes and prewar trends in la-

HOW TO HURT A UNION; NEVER

Do not go to meetings. If you do, always come in late and make a lot of noise.

Find fault with the work of the officers and committees,

Never accept responsibility; it's easier to complain about others. If you should be named on a committee, stay away from meet-

If the chairman asks you what you think, always say you have nothing to offer. Then kick like is facing the cost-of-living crisis, the devil after the meeting.

When others roll up their sleeves to do a job of work, always duck out and cry that the Union is run by a clique.

Hold back your dues as long as possible. Never pay an assessment without squawking.

If a banquet is given, complain that the money is wasted.

If a banquet is not given complain that the Union is going to

Howl about all contracts: they are never right.

Yelp for strikes, but never go on a picket line. Keep your eyes open for things

that are wrong—and yell about em. If you go to a meeting, vote for things you can criticize out on the

street after the meeting. Agree to everything said at a meeting and disagree with it after-

Take all you can get from the organization, and give nothing in return. Remember: complain con-

stantly, Keep this up and you will be a first rate stinker,

You may even get a punch on the nose, too, we hope!

with a barrage of statistics but no action.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has produced figures showing living costs at a record high in April 1948. In the Senate, Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) said inaction had earned Congress the title of the "do-nothing Congress."

The BLS report showed that effects of the temporary drop in food prices late in the winter had worn off. Prices are now continuing their upward march and each increase sets a new record high. Food prices alone went up another three per cent during the last month reported.

Housing costs also were setting new records. United Industrial Associates, Inc. reported that a house which sold for \$4,600 in 1939 was selling for more than \$11,000 in April 1948. This was an increase in the national average cost of housing of nearly 250 per cent. In west coast areas average housing costs were tripled.

O'Mahoney bitterly criticized a report by a congressional economic committee which formally rejected anti-inflation controls.

Map Years

Expenditure of \$41 million during the new fiscal year, with chief emphasis on the Friant-Kern and Delta-Mendota Canals, the Tracy Pumping Plant, and added power features at Shasta and Keswick dams, was outlined in Bureau of Reclamation announcements last

The aim continues to be an overall completion of the Central Valleys Project's major works by 1951, the Bureau stated.

Friant-Kern will carry San Joaquin river water 153 miles from Friant Dam to Bakersfield. Excavation has been completed for 74 miles to Kaweah river, with some 10 miles of concrete lining yet to be done on this stretch. Contract for another 14 miles was recently awarded. Two more are to be let this year, for 27 miles between Lindsay and White River, and for 17 miles from the river to Poso

DRY WEST SIDE

On the valley's west side 26 miles of the Delta-Mendota canal are now under contract, with 13 miles finished. Bids are in for another 13-mile stretch, and two more contracts, for 15 and 17 miles, will be let during the fiscal year.

First concrete was poured last month at the big Tracy Pumping Plant, which will pump 4600 cubic feet a second from the Sacramento river into Delta-Mendota canal for use on the dry westside of San Joaquin valley.

Two, more 75,000 kilowatt generators will be put in at Shasta Dam, and switchyards will be completed at Shasta and Keswick dams. Two 25,000 kilowatt generators will go in at Keswick.

Westside transmission line from Shasta will be installed as far as Cottonwood, and the eastside line will be extended to Tracy via Oroville and Sacramento.

Drum gates will be finished at

Latest Design

Two commercial travelers were exchanging tall radio stories in the presence of an old countryman whom they were trying to im-

"You got a radio set?" asked one of the travelers.

"Yes, sir," said the countryman. "I've got a very good one."

"Does it have good selectivity?" asked the traveler, with a knowing wink at his companion.

"Well, yes," replied the old fellow, "it has. The other night I was listening to a quartet, and I didn't like the tenor, so I just tuned him out and listened to the other three."

As the door man ran down to open the limousine door, he tripped and fell. "For heaven's sake, be careful," cried the club manager, "they'll think you'r a member."

Husband-"Are you ready yet,

Wife-"I wish you would stop nagging me. I have told you three times in the last hour that I would be ready in a few minutes."

Shasta, making possible storage of 800,000 more acre feet of water.

Various canal distribution systems and the Contra Costa power substation will aso get attention during the year.

ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE

A medicine man at country fairs made a good thing of offering free eye tests to those of his audience who wore glasses. Dexterously smearing beeswax on one lens, he asked the sucker to read a vision chart. Nothing could be seen clearly. Whereupon the faker offered to grind the lens on his own special machine. The "grinding" removed the beeswax and the sucker could see better. But he couldn't see that he had been swindled out of a few dollars.



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Steam Fitters (AFL) won the to appear on the ballot in an NLRB election at the Tin Processing Co. election at the Tin Processing Co. of Texas City, Texas, although its Living Costs notification to the employer that it represented a majority of his employes consisted of a telephone message nine hours before he signed a contract with a rival union.

This agreement was executed on August 6, 1947, at 9 p.m. The union telephoned the employer at noon of that day advising him of their majority, and followed the call with a letter which was delivered on August 7. They also filed a petition with the NLRB on August 7.

The legal question in this case was whether the telephone call constituted sufficient notice to the employer that the plumbers claimed a majority, to bar him from signing the contract. The NLRB agreed that it did.

INSUFFICIENT NOTICE

In another case dealing with the same subject the NLRB dismissed a petition for recognition because the employer did not have actual notice of the union's claim.

The Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) had a contract with the Carborundum Co. of Keasby, N.J., which expired on November 1, 1947. On October 22 the company and the union signed a new agreement. Meanwhile, on October 21, the United Brick & Clay Workers (AFL) mailed a letter to Carborundum, claiming to represent a majority of the machinists and maintenance men, and requesting recognition.

This letter was received on October 22 prior to the execution of the new contract, but did not come to the personal attention of the plant manager to whom it was addressed until October 23, because he was busy negotiating the contract with the IAM.

The NLRB decision reads: "The date of receipt by an employer of petitioner's claim of recognition is controlling rather than the date such notice is mailed. . . . A collective bargaining agreement will bar an election unless the employer has actual knowledge of the filing of a petition before the contract is executed."

In this case if the brick union had telephoned the plant manager before he signed the contract their claim to recognition would have been protected.

These two cases illustrate the point that where there is any doubt as to the time when an employer and a rival union are negotiating a new contract, the safest procedure is to telephone the employer, follow this up with a letter, and then file a formal petition with the NLRB.

DISCHARGE FOR CAUSE

Employes are often discharged on the "straw that broke the camel's back" theory that past misconduct should be added to the ompany's case against a worke who has violated some minor rule.

An arbitrator in a case involving the Douglas Aircraft Co. of El Segundo, Calif., and the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) decided on May 6 that this theory doesn't hold water and ordered the discharged worker, an active union official, reinstated with back pay.

The worker had pleaded guilty to gambling on company time and property in February, 1947, and had received a 3-day layoff for the offense. On March 11 he was caught smoking on company time and property, also a violation of company rules, usually punished by a 3-day layoff. This time he was discharged.

The company claimed that these two offenses should be considered together and that, together, they constituted sufficient cause for discharge.

The arbitrator said that there was no reason for linking the two offenses together since they were entirely unrelated. He said although the company might have justifiably discharged the employe for gambling at the time the offense occurred, it did not do so, and therefore had no right to add this offense to the smoking offense and consider both as sufficient grounds for discharge.

Soar to New

Washington (LPA)-There's little that's cheering in the government reports on the cost of living. The consumers' price index hit an all-time high on April 15, and more recent wholesale indexes show prices still inching upward. And the Federal Reserve Board predicts higher prices ahead.

With increased spending for the military, a federal deficit, and a larger amount of bank loans, the Federal Reserve Board asserts that "it would be difficult to avoid further increases in prices."

As for food, all of these factors will also press prices higher, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicts for the months ahead.

On the cost-of-living front, between mid-March and mid-April, retail prices of goods purchased by moderate-income families in large cities advanced 1.4 per cent on the average, and more than offset the price decline that took place from January to March. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found that retail food prices rose 2.8 per cent in the one month alone, to a point 207.9 per cent of the prewar (1935-1939) average. Fresh fruits and vegetables went up 6.6 per cent, meat rose 5.2 per cent, and dairy products rose 2.3 per

The "miscellaneous" list-newspapers, carfare, hospital and doctors' fees, motor oil, movies, telephones-went up 1.1 per cent in the month.

City Slicker-"What does your son do?"

Farmer-"He's a boot black in the city"

City Slicker-"Oh, I see, you make hay while the son shines."

REHABILITATED



Paralyzed from the waist down as a result of a mining accident, Everett Boggs of Cumberland, Ky., shows how he learned to walk up and down stairs with the aid of leg braces and crutches. He was one of 400 miners treated in New York under the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) rehabilitation pro-

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Steel Trust and Law

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For many years the steel trust fixed prices through the "Pittsburgh plus" system. Under this monopoly method all steel companies charged identical prices, including fictitious freight charges from Pittsburgh, regardless of whether the steel was made in Birmingham, Chicago or any other steel center.

In 1924 the Federal Trade Commission ordered the U.S. Steel Corporation to abandon the "Pittsburgh plus" system of fixing prices and to charge actual instead of fictitious freight charges. U.S. Steel changed its price policy. Instead of using one basing point-Pittsburgh-it used a number of basing points and charged freight not from the point where the steel was produced, but from the nearest basing point.

Under the basing point system of pricing, co-called phantom freight charges were added, whether the products were actually shipped from a basing point or not. And to keep prices uniform, freight charges were absorbed when the steel plant was situated at a considerable distance from a basing point. The steel trust did not lose by this freight absorption, since this was made up by the charges for phantom freight and the basing point system eliminated competition.

Although the steel trust was violating the law, the FTC did nothing to enforce its order. Finally, in 1938, the steel trust appealed to the courts to set aside the FTC order. The case is still pending and the steel trust continued to violate the law until a few weeks ago. Then it announced that it would abide by the law and abolish the basing point system of fixing prices.

Behind this announcement was a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision which declared that the basing point system to fix monopoly prices. The hold on the economy and the government.

decision itself had a number of loopholes which normally the steel trust would have seized upon to continue its monopoly price practices.

But instead, the steel trust announced that from now on it would no longer absorb freight charges in setting prices. This will raise prices charged by U.S. Steel by \$10 million a year and prices of the entire industry by \$30 million a year.

Moreover, the steel trust does not intend to lose the profits it used to make from phantom freight charges. Instead of charging for phantom freight, it will simply increase prices.

Thus the steel trust is preparing to set off a fourth round of inflationary price increases. This time it will blame the Supreme Court's decision for the unjustified gouge.

In other words, the steel trust is using the change in pricing systems as a screen for covering up a general rise in steel prices. At the same time the higher prices will be blamed on the anti-trust laws and pressure will be brought to bear on Congress to exempt the steel industry from anti-trust prosecution along the lines of the exemption granted the railroads by Congress in the closing days of its

This action of Big Steel shows up the ineffectiveness of the present anti-trust legislation in curbing the growth of economic concentration and monopoly power. The monopolies find ways of evading or bypassing the anti-trust laws and the people wind up paying higher prices than before.

Until the problem is faced squarely and steps are taken to curb the monopolies through government ownership of the key sectors of the economy, cement industry was violating the law in using a the trusts will continue to increase their strangle-

USE SOAP AND WATER

No scratch or cut should go without attention, because it can develop into a serious infection, but the best treatment is that most frequently omitted: Plain soap and warm water.

The U.S. Bureau of Standards in its new booklet, Safety for the Household, says that there is no such thing as an ideal antiseptic. The most common antiseptic used is iodine, 2.5 per cent solution. However, even this mild solution can be very irritating, and should be used sparingly.

Some of the mercurial antiseptics which can be used with comparative safety are merthiolate, metaphen, mercresin, and zephrain. fire is out-of-date.

But it is a common misconception that the use of antiseptics alone is sufficient to treat a wound. to kill germs, is also strong enough As a matter of fact, this is not the

cations of antiseptic is that the treating skin abrasions.

The tenant had not paid the rent for his room for several months. "Look here!" said the landlady, "I'll meet you half way. I am ready to forget half of what you owe.' '

"All right. I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half."

Mr. Spendix: "Any bills due to-

Mrs. Spendix: "No, dear, I think not." "Any payments due on the house, the radio, the furniture, the

rugs or the books?" "Then I have \$10 we don't need. What do you say if we buy a

In much modern theology hell-

solution used, if it is strong enough to damage the tissues of the body.

So remember this rule: Use The difficulty with heavy appli- plenty of soap and warm water in

Radioactive phosphorus, applied to greenhouse soil in which growing corn had kernels in the early milk stage, resulted in radio active grain when harvested. Stalks and foliage showed radioactivity to a lesser extend than the kernels.

TELLS SIGN OF CANCER

'Although cancer is a personal threat, reaching into one of every two homes, personal knowledge is a strong defense against this disease," Jerd F. Sullivan, Jr.. San Francisco chairman of the American Cancer Society's April educational and fund raising campaign, said this week.

chances of effecting a cure for cancer are much greater when proper treatment begins in the early stages of the disease," Sullivan pointed out. "If we act early when cancer's warnings appear," he added, "the chances of cure are

Sullivan said that the American Cancer Society, as part of its educational program, distributes literature telling thousands of people the facts of cancer, urging them to learn cancer's seven danger signals. These are, he said:

1. Any sore that does not heal, particularly about the tongue, mouth or lips.

2. A painless lump or thickening, especially in the breast, lip or tongue.

3. Any irregular or unexplained bleeding. 4 .Progressive change in the color size of a wart, mole or birth-

5. Persistent indigestion.

The exposure of the House Labor Committee's attempts to show that all wage and hour laws are useless is a shocking indication of what some Congressmen would like to do to all laws benefiting working people.

Minimum wages and time and a half have come to be a cornerstone "Medical experience shows that of the American scene. Millions of American working men and women employed in small shops which have never known the advantages of a union, look to this law for protection. It is their only weapon against the unscrupulous employer.

The statement that the wage and hour law was born of the depression and is no longer needed is indeed a false idea. It took the depression to bring this law, but unfair employers have still not disappeared from the American scene and we need the law as much as

It is also to the advantage of unionists to fight for such a basic law. If unorganized workers are left without protection of the law, then the millions who are organized will be the next target.

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At 3,500 feet underground the hard, grueling work is accompanied by intense heat and the IUMMSW member gave the man who passed him only a casual glance. From the man's clothes he recognized him as a displaced person but there was something else, something that puzzled the miner,

At home that night he couldn't get the newcomer's face out of his mind. He wished he'd taken a closer look so he could fill in the details that were nagging at his memory. He was in bed and almost asleep when it finally came. The miner wondered then how he could have forgotten even the briefest detail of the newcomer's face.

It had been four years ago, in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. The newcomer was the Nazi guard, the guard whose prodding bayonet had left scars on the ex-soldier's back. He couldn't be mistaken about that face, nor would other veterans of the Canadian Algonquin regiment who had served time in the Nazi camp. It was the face of a former torturer now working in a Canadian gold mine.

When the story "broke," the management of the Hillinger mine hurriedly transferred the one-time Nazi guard to another level. There was a quick hush-hush campaign but it was too late tion by the war veteran and union man of his former Nazi guard didn't fit in well with the recent denial of the Canadian government that former SS Gestapo men and Nazi storm troopers were infiltrating the northern Ontario mining and timber areas under government-management displaced person schemes.

Charges by AFL and CIO unions that genuine anti-fascist DP's were finding it almost impossible to pass the official screening which would permit their entry into Canada. In their place, said the unions, same former SS men, still arrogant, some of them still wearing jackboots and remnants of their Nazi army uniforms.

"Ridiculous," said official gov-ernment spokesmen. But the union man on the 3,500-foot level, the former vet of the Algonquin regiment, knows that his former Nazi jailer is above or below him in the Hollinger gold mine.

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Labor Day Message

By WILLIAM GREEN President, American Federation of Labor

On this Labor Day I appeal to the nation's workers to do a little serious thinking about their own future, the future of our country and the future peace of the world, n

To a great extent the power to shape that future lies in the hands of the millions of wage earners who constitute our trade union movement.

Today a dangerous tide has set in. Our economic welfare is threatened by inflation, our basic freedoms are endangered by reactionary forces and our social well-being is being undermined by inaction.

Against these perils, you, the workers of our land, possess an invincible weapon—the right to vote. This is a national election year. The citizens of the United States will have an opportunity to elect a President of the United States and almost an entirely new Congress.

Therefore, let the keynote of all our Labor Day celebrations this year be: "USE YOUR VOTE."

Why this urgency? The facts are clear.

The 80th Congress enacted over a presidential veto the Taft-Hartley bill, which is aimed at destroying the trade union movement and tearing down the high standards that the unions have created for America.

The 80th Congress swept aside all the economic protections of our people against inflation and have since refused to lift a finger to halt skyrocking prices. The brutal and unjustified increase in the cost of living is robbing every worker and his family of his hard-earned wages.

The 80th Congress has done nothing to bring about an effective low-cost housing program, despite the emergency need for millions of new homes. It has frozen the minimum wage level at 40 cents an hour-\$16 a week for 40 hours of work-a starvation standard. It has shamefully neglected the welfare of elderly workers, now forced to subsist on Social Security benefits averaging less than \$25 a month. It has callously disregarded the health of the nation and its children by refusing to give consideration to the enactment of a national health

The foregoing indictment should be sufficient to arouse the American voters to demand and obtain a housecleaning of Congress at the coming elections. The 80th Congress, while ignoring human needs, has responded willingly and promplty to every demand of big business. It has hamstrung labor unions, at the behest of the National Association of Manufacturers. It has adopted tax reduction legislation which offers only minor savings to low-income families, but provides huge savings to the wealthy.

For this reasons, big business is going to bat for the members of the 80th Congress who did its bidding. The voters will be flooded with propaganda praising the legislative record. Money talks in politics, and this year the big money will be talking on the side of anti-labor Congressmen and Senators.

But in America, even the power of money cannot overcome the indignation of a free people. Remember the 80th Congress was elected by only one-third of the qualified voters of the country. The hosts of labor who stayed away from the polls in that 1946 election helped to elect reactionary lawmakers by not voting.

This must be changed in 1948. No union member can be a good union member unless he is a loyal American first. No American citizen

can be a good citizen unless he votes. It is imperative that every union member in our ranks registers and votes in the 1948 election. His duty goes even beyond that. He should see to it that every member of his family of voting age and all his friends, likewise, register and vote.

Remember the slogan: "Use Your Vote!"

From a long-range standpoint, the peace of the world depends upon the power of America to safeguard the peace. America must remain strong. To keep strong, our country must remain politically free and economically healthy. The policies instituted by the 80th Congress are sapping the economic strength of our nation and depriving millions of citizens organized in the trade union movement of basic freedoms. Those policies must be reversed.

Union Label **Products Star**

Milwaukee-An array of industrial products, ranging from cigarettes and seamless pipe fittings to trombones and electric stoves, filled two floors of the Milwaukee Audi before the cigars are ripe?" torium at the third annual AFL Union-Industries Show.

All the products on display bear the union label or are manufactured in plants under contract to the

A new feature of the '48 show is a voting machine, included in the Labor's League for Political Education exhibit, on which a straw poll of Presidential candidates is being taken. (The voting machine is itself a novelty in Milwaukee, where voting is done by ballot.)

The exhibit opened May 12 with short addresses by AFL President William Green, I. M. Ornburn, who heads the AFL Union Label Trades Department, and Mayor Frank mail box. The unionists urged all Zeidler. Preceding the speeches was a fashion show, staged in cooperation with Milwaukee manu- (R., Wis.) indorsing a wage infacturers and displaying only mer- crease for Uncle Sam's faithful chandise made by members of the postal workers. International Ladies Garmentville acts, was presented twice in profusion were free stoves,

Patient (in waiting room of doctor's office): "How do you do?"
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teresting and how long will it be

City slicker - "What does your son do?"

Farmer-"He's a boot black in the city." City slicker-"Oh, I see, you

make hay while the son shines."

"What makes your next door neighbor so unpopular?" "He's fixed his lawn mower so you have to drop a nickle in the

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER -AND VOTE.

slot to make it go."

visitors to sign printed postcards addressed to Sen. Alexander Wiley

Another feature was a complete Workers Union. The show, which bakery shop which gave away also included a number of vaude- sample products. Also given away daily during the exhibit, which matches, food, display buttons and was open until May 16. a variety of other items. Printers, A full-fledged model postoffice, cigar makers, envelope makers manned by AFL members, explained to visitors what happens to let- their skills in attractive booths ters after they're dropped in the throughout the exihibit.

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TETANUS OR LOCKJAW

The germs that cause tetanus or lockjaw seem to live in the intestinal tract of cattle, horses and man, and from this source soil becomes contaminated.

People working out - of -doors should take extra precaution when the scratch or wound themselves.

The germs live much better in the absence of oxygen. Therefore, they multiply more rapidly in deep wounds than in shallow ones.

Tetanus begins from three to twenty-one days after the germs get into the tissues of a wound.

The first signs are a sense of a drawing pain in the wound with a twitching of muscles nearby, accompanied by irritability, headache, chills and fever.

Then comes the stiffness of the muscles of the jaw and neck which gives the disease its name.

For the prevention of tetanus, people who have been wounded, particularly when the wound is contaminated, should receive immediately an injection of the specific antitoxin or booster dose of toxoid, depending on previous immunization.

Another injection may be given one week later.

The physician will make sure that clothing, soil or other visible contamination is not present, and treat the wound with antiseptic substances.

Under the best medical treatment one-half to two-thirds of the people infected recover.

USEFUL FACTS ON YOUR CAR

Motorists are advised not to discard the thermostat from the engine's cooling system. The thermostat is installed to maintain high. engine efficiency by controlling operating temperature. A cold operating engine wastes fuel and does not develop maximum power.

Blue smoke from the automobile's exhaust pipe is an indication of excessive ail consumption.

Avoid scraping your automobile tires against curbs when parking. Doing so may weaken the tire sidewalls, increasing the possibility of a blowout.

Sudden stops in traffic cause excessive wear on tires and brakes, and sudden starts cause many accidents. Stop slowly, start slowly, and "Take It Easy."

Periodic check-up of your carburetor air cleaner by a competent mechanic is advised. Accumulated dust and dirt may cause hard starting and low gasoline mileage.

"Four things a man must learn to do

If he would make his record true:

To think without confusion clearly;

To love his fellow men sin-

To act from honest motives purely;

To trust in God and heaven securely."

"Once a freind of mine and I decided it would be a good thing to tell each other all our faults." "How did it work?"

"We haven't spoken for five

Then there's the one about the bridegroom of three months who came home one day and solemnly announced to his wife:

"Honey, we aren't legally married."

Breaking into tears, the bride moaned:

"Oh, Henry, how can you say suuch a thing? We've just got the garden planted, the down payment made on the furniture, and one bootee knitted for the baby we're expecting. What are we going to do? And how did you find out about this?"

"Well," the husband replied, "I just found out today that your dad had no license to carry that shot-

The reward for doing a hard job well is that you are presently given a much harder job and expected to do that equally well.

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A tourist, traveling through western Kansas, saw a man sitting by the ruins of a house that had been blown away, and stopped to inquire:

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"Yep, wife and four kids." "Great scot, man, why aren't you hunting for them?"

"Well, stranger, I've been in this country for quite a spell. The wind's due to change this afternoon. So I figure I'd might as well wait here 'til it brings 'em back."

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The mouthwash was developed shortly after the Public Health Service announced a few weeks ago that a 2 per cent solution of sodium fluoride, when properly applied as a coating to the teeth by a dentist, would cut tooth decay by half.

Dr. John Knutson, Chief of the Dental Division of the Public Health Service, says flatly that various types of commercial sodium fluoride mouth washes have been thoroughly tested, and they have been found of no value in preventing tooth decay.

Also, Dr. Knutson says that the practice followed by some dentists of applying the sodium fluoride so lution at six month intervals is not recommended, since it prolongs the period before full benefit of the treatment is effective.

He emphasizes that to get best results, the treatment should be repeated three times at intervals of three to 10 days in the cases of adults. For children the series of three treatments should be repeated at the approximate ages of 3, 7, 10 and 13 to make sure that new teeth are protected as they develop.

Objects which become the tire tread surfact puncturing the tube.

New Battery?—When the mecessary to install a battery away from a strength of the tire tread surfact puncturing the tube.

Lust for Profits Promotes Turmoil

You can't legislate labor peace. Labor peace must come from an appreciation of the aims of the bargaining parties and an honest effort to stabilize the American economy. At the moment it appears that a lust for profits, as evidenced by official reports of fabulous profits last year, is giving the wage earner a beating. If industry is really serious about its desires to bring prices in line, it had better start coming down now on those prices.—Duluth Labor World.

What Next?

The Greyhound Corporation is giving road tests to a new super bus which has 3 separate passenger compartments, drinking*fountain, washroom and toilets. Other features: pillowtype radio receiver, built into each seat headrest, individual controlled reading lights, seats 50 passengers instead of present 37, glare-resistant and heatabsorbing safety glass, wider and roomier seats, two air-cooled engines and air conditioning.

Poison ivy provides food for a leaf-miner, two moth species, and a bettle.



BREATHES there a man with soul so dead that he doesn't like looking at this?

AUTO HINTS

Air Your Spare—When having your automobile tires checked and inflated, be sure to include the spare tire, the California State Automobile Association urges, since the spare tire losesmore air between fillings than those on the wheels.

Save On Gas—Five ways to save gasoline are advised by the California State Automobile Association as follows: Start and stop gradually. Accelerate slowly and evenly. Shift gears promptly. Don't let the engine idle for long periods. Keep tires properly inflated.

Smooth Tires—Smooth automobile tires should be recapped or replaced, advises the California State Automobile Association, since, in addition to danger of blowouts or skidding, they have a tendency to pick up nails and other foreign objects.

Tire Trouble—Much automobile tire trouble is traceable to foreign objects which become imbedded in the tire tread surface, eventually puncturing the tube.

New Battery?—When it becomes necessary to install an automobile battery away from a service station, the battery posts should be cleaned thoroughly with sandpaper or wire brush, advises the California State Automobile Association. Before connecting the battery terminals, coat the posts heavily with vaseline or mineral oil.

Water Level—Since water expands when heated, it is not advisable to fill any automobile radiator, particularly the pressure type, beyond the point recommended by the manufacturer.

Overheating - Most frequent gasoline.

Don't Nag Your Child When He Refuses to Eat

If your child doesn't eat the food that is offered him, nagging won't do any good, the U.S. Children's Bureau advises.

Let your children eat and enjoy their food; don't force them to eat, and let them determine how much they want to eat.

Most children will refuse food now and then, often for good reasons. Respect the child's dislikes, but remember that he may take a dislike to a food but forget it within a few days.

If children receive a lot of attention when they don't eat, they are likely to form the habit of refusing foods because they enjoy being the center of interest.

Parents should be concerned if their children steadily refuse to eat many of the foods necessary for good nutrition. But they should tell their worries to the doctor and not show them to the children.

causes of overheating of the automobile engine include broken or slipping fan belt, clogged radiator, defective thermostat, or low water supply in the radiator.

Headlight Failure—When automobile headlights fail suddenly, the California State Automobile Association advises looking for one of the following causes: Blown fuse, defective light switch, loose or corroded battery terminals, or discharged battery.

Broken Car Springs—When your car lists to one side, a broken spring leaf may be the cause.

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FEDERATION DISTRICT OFFICIAL REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF YEAR IN SPECIAL LABOR DAY MESSAGE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following report is by Anthony Agrillo, vice president for this district for the California State Federation of Labor, the report written earlier for the Federation convention and issued for this edition of the labor press through a special request.)

By ANTHONY AGRILLO Vice President, District Eight, California State Federation of Labor Despite the viciousness of the Taft-Hartley law, its National Labor Relations Board elections, and the necessity of unions and officials devoting more time to "holding the line" than to organizing in new fields, District Eight of the State Federation of Labor is proud to report unusually good progress over the past year.

extent on the hardships caused unions by the "dream law" of Messrs, Taft and Hartley. Every newspaper, radio program, commentary-every man on the street, it seems-gets around to this labormuzzling measure at some time or another.

Here in this district, we have been luckier than usual, perhaps. With one major exception, every T-H election has been won handily by the union involved. In addition, unions have managed to show gains in membership.

Biggest single progressive step was the action of some 2,500 CIO Fruit, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers' Union members in voting overwhelmingly to affiliate with the AFL Teamsters' Union. This was on July 14, at Salinas, an historic day which may long be remembered by the AFL.

Efforts of Teamster officials in the Salinas area bore fruit and the lettuce shed workers of the CIO-FTA union were granted their AFL charter a week later, the charter serving the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister district.

CIO-FTA is well known to us in this district. This Donald Henderson left-wing outfit is the same one which caused the AFL Cannery Workers' unions severe jurisdictional problems in the past few

Now CIO-FTA is facing a breakup. Actions at Salinas and vicinity were due to refusal of Henderson and his co-leaders to sign non-Communist affidavits. The 12,000 member organization has been cut by 25 per cent now and at this writing it is understood that many more CIOers may seek the AFL Teamsters for their union, bolting from the ranks of CIO-FTA.

On the other side of the ledger, as result of Taft-Hartley, is the "decertification election" at the Sears Roebuck unit in San Jose. Here Retail Clerks' Union 428 "decertified" as bargaining agent for Sears employees through an NLRB election.

Use of the "decertification" provisions of T-H is something which will bear watching. The Clerks' Union had a good contract with despite good labor support. the store, high wages, five-day so that the store is no longer under the AFL banner, save for a the AFL prior to the clerks' elec-

The example here shows clearly that no union, however good its treasurer of this council, which he contract status, can discount the viciousness of the Taft-Hartley years. brainchild, nor can the union relax its vigil in dealings with anti- across the Carmel River high in of the San Mateo unit have done union employers.

Easiest way of reporting on the labor activities of this five-county Eighth District is to divide the this project that contractors have progress report by counties and built new roads to haul in heaviest Commission, has continued his prosummarize as follows: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Two major organization successes head the progress report from Santa Cruz County. Victory by Pile Drivers' Union 34 in its efforts to secure agreement from the City of Santa Cruz to use union workmen on the municipal San Jose officials appealed in a body to the City Council.

The county-wide Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 345 is and are sharing space in Bartendstill progressing in its organiza- ers' Hall, which is not of sufficient won a number of picketline organgram in Santa Cruz area

I would wager that every vice- after winning an unusually good president reports this year to some new contract for the Watsonville district, first gains in several years in the union's contract.

> Completion of the Coast Highway between Santa Cruz and Watsonville, a year-long project, is under way. The new highway, its completion delayed because of the war, will be ready for traffic early next year.

Revitalization of the Watsonville Central Labor Council, which had discontinued meetings during the war and for two years thereafter, is worthy of report. This council. with its civic position, can do the labor movement much good.

Usual building trades activity in the county, mainly small housing projects, has kept the workers busy. Other crafts have had normal work, although it is reported that the "summer season" in Santa Cruz has been less profitable than usual this year.

· Politically, the county managed to qualify a candidate against State Senator Ray Judah. George Lechnor, a railroad man with good labor backing, will oppose Judah in the general election.

MONTEREY COUNTY

Biggest industry in Monterey County, the sardine canning industry, continued solidly under the AFL banner when, in mid-July, 1,500 sardine cannery workers voted 1161 to 1 to retain a union shop clause in their working agreement. Some ballots were voided and others never received in the unique election, conducted entirely by mail by the National Labor Relations Board.

Formation of a Joint Executive Board for Culinary Workers and Bartenders in Salinas resulted in quick settlement of contracts for both crafts. The new "joint board" is taking the initiative in efforts to defeat the "local option" prohibition proposition (No. 12) on the November ballot.

At Monterey, the Culinary-Bartender Union negotiated a new agreement to establish the highest scale for the crafts in the bay district. George L. Rice, secretary of Local 483 of culinary and bartender workers, lost out in his bid for nomination for State Assembly

Last year's Christmas Party for week, other conditions. Yet the kiddies in the Salinas area was to house a number of unions, incompany "stooges" petitioned for one of the finest civic affairs ever cluding the Central Labor Council the election and, probably with no presented by labor groups in the of San Mateo County, was comlittle company pressure, swung state. An estimated 3,000 youngenough votes away from the union sters and adults jammed the party and more are expected at this year's affair, under sponsorship of handful' of warehousemen, former- the Central Labor Council. Incily CIO members, who bolted to dentally, William "Bud" Kenyon, former Barbers' Union official and now a Teamster representative, has been returned as secretaryhad served previously for six

> the valley southeast of Monterey a good job. will supply water for the entire area when completed. So great is of equipment and have established a complete town at the site for working man. the scores of workers on the big earth-fill project.

In both Salinas and Monterey changes in union locations have the past year, the former under a taken place. Salinas Teamsters' Union 890 took over a store building and installed a suite of offices wharf came after Santa Cruz and with a small meeting hall to meet needs of the growing organization. still with veteran officers, Randall, At Monterey, building trades crafts | President James J. Joy, and Busimoved out of the theatre building ness Manager Charles Seafuse.



ANTHONY AGRICLO

many unions now meet outside of union halls.

Death of E. D. McCutcheon of Monterey, prominently identified with the Bartenders' Union for nearly three decades, saddened his countless friends recently. "Old Mac," with his white hair, his ruddy face and his jovial smile, only made friends-he had no enemies.

Many new faces and figures in the area have been introduced to labor in the past year as officer personnel changes have been numerous. Currently business agent of the County Building Trades Council is Fred S. Miller, a Carpenter, doing a good job. Al Clark, of Salinas Bartenders' Union 545, is secretary of the joint board there and is active in local affairs.

The California Rodeo at Salinas was union throughout again this year, thanks to diligent work by union officials.

SAN BENITO COUNTY

Home of one of the most antilabor congressmen in Washington, Jack Z. Anderson, and nearly a virgin insofar as labor unionism is concerned is San Benito County.

Unions from San Jose and Salinas are thus far cooperating in the organization of workers of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, principal towns of the county.

On July 23, a new Carpenters' Union was installed by San Jose officials to serve Hollister and the county.

Hollister has its own Butchers' Union, a branch of a big San Jose local. Hollister and Gilroy together have a Painters' Union.

From Salinas, Bartender and Culinary officials have found organization in Hollister area fruit-

Other crafts are working steadily in San Benito County and it is extremely probable that sufficient unions will be established there soon to make a central labor council, possibly a building trades council, and most certainly a union labor hall, necessary in the near future.

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Construction of a new building pleted early this year by Laborers Union 389. Well built and properly laid out, the building houses Local 389, has a large meeting hall and a conference room, and provides office space for eight union organizations.

Plans are in the offing for a new building for Electricians' Union 617, which was restored to its local autonomy and jurisdiction in the county after war years under The huge Los Padres Dam San Francisco Local 6. Officials

Building Trades Council Secretary Albert H. Randall, as a member of the county's Civil Service gressive efforts in behalf of the

Both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council have shown timely progress during new president, Robert Wertz, of Plumbers 467, but with Secretaries Carl Cohenour and Ruth Bradley still active, and the latter council

Culinary-Bartenders' Union 340 size to handle all meetings, so that izational battles in the county,

particularly in the South San a firetrap. Francisco area, but has had one picket line in Burlingame for more than a year. Retail Clerks' Union 775 was forced to picket candy stores in the county to gain new wage scales and conditions.

On the political front, the county suffered a setback when Edward J. Carrigan, head of the county AFL Organizing Committee for the past two years, lost by only a few hundred votes in his bid for nomination for state senator. Just a little more work in Carrigan's behalf and the inactive and ailing Harry Parkman might have been removed from his years of anti-labor representation in the State Senate. SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Biggest news for labor here is the new \$200,000 Labor Temple in San Jose, due for completion in a few weeks from now. Built with funds through sale of stock in \$100 shares to labor unions only, the two-story-plus-basement hall will house nearly all unions in the area under one roof again. The 50-year-old present building serving labor has been condemned as

Retirement of Robert A. Judson, secretary and business representative of the county Building Trades Council for the past 12 years, was followed by election of Otto E. Sargent, veteran Painters' Union official and secretary of the shortlived AFL Organizing Committee in the county earlier this year.

Deaths struck at the ranks of union officials during the year, taking away William F. Bonar, active head of Laborers' Union 270, and "Kelly" Edwards, representative of the Teamsters' Union, along with others.

At Sunnyvale, the AFL Cannery Workers' Union has been turned over to Joseph M. Dillon, ex-CIO member who has proven an unusually good AFL organizer in San Mateo County. This union had been under trusteeship since it had been led out of the AFL to the CIO by Fred Less and others several years ago.

The Retail Clerks' Union, in addition to losing the "decertification" election at Sears' store, end-

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BLACK BASS-No closed season. Daily bag and possession limit: 10 fish, but not over 15 pounds and one bass in the aggregate. No min-

imum size. SUNFISH, CRAPPIE, SACRA-MENTO PERCH, CALICO BASS No closed season. Bag limit: 25 fish of all species in the aggregate. No minimum size.

CATFISH-No closed season. Bag limit: 15 pounds and one fish in the aggregate, in the round. Night fishing prohibited. Angling ticense

STRIPED BASS-No closed season. Limit: five fish or 25 pounds and one fish. Size limit: 12 inches.

JACKRABBITS-No closed season except San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego counties. No bag limit. Hunting license required.

Terminal Island - Twenty - five thousand two hundred twenty-six ocean sport fishermen on 126 boats caught 109,282 fish during the month of April, according to catch reports of the Division of Fish and Game.

This shows that the anglers who fished ocean waters averaged about five fish each.

Los Angeles Harbor boats, fishing in local waters and near Catalina Island, carried 7129 sport fishermen who landed a total of 35,-510 fish of many species. Santa Monica Bay boats followed with 30,190 fish for 6233 anglers.

Reports were received from Monterey Bay, San Simeon, Morro Bay, Capistrano, San Clemente, Oceanside, San Diego, Avila and Newport Beach, showing a total of 5430 barracuda taken.

Rockfish and rock bass were leaders with a total of 55,830; 18,580 halibut were taken, and other species reported were kingfish, ling cod, mackerel, sea bass and sculpin.

Such statistics will enable the Bureau of Marine Fisheries to District of the State Federation best. on ocean fishh populations.

Redding-"Operation Salt Lick," in which 25-pound blocks of salt are dropped by airplane to otherwise inaccessible deer range, continues this week in Siskiyou County, reports the Division of Fish and Game.

During the month of May, a quarter ton of salt was flown to deer habitat in the rugged Shasta County mountains bordering northsouth railroad tracks and U. S. Highway 99.

Assistant Chief of Patrol A. A. Jordan, directing the operation from Redding, reported more than 90 deer killed on highways and railroad tracks of the area this year. The deer linger on tracks and roads, licking salt drippings from refrigerated freight cars and trucks, Jordan said.

Pupil: "Well, I didn't do my Pupil: "Do you think it's right to punish folks for things they haven't done?"

Teacher: "Why, of course not, Willie." home work."

"What makes your next door neighbor so unpopular?"

"He's fixed his lawn mower so you have to drop a nickle in the slot to make it go."

As the door man ran down to open the limousine door, he tripped and fell. "For heaven's sake, be careful," cried the club manager, "they'll think you're a member."

Brown (proud of his lineage) "If you can drop in tomorrow evening I'll show you my family tree." Smith-"Sorry, but Pve promised to look at Robinson's cabbage."

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTE

District Report

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ed its battle against the J. C. Penney Company after a year of picketing, the union winning an agreement that all court actions would be dropped but failing to unionize the store, although economic effect of the picket line was

Efforts of Barbers' Union 252 to establish a five-day week plus the \$1.25 haircut resulted in picket lines before barber shops at the two major hotels for some three months, before the union decided to drop the fight because of undue expense. Most of the barber shops in the city of San Jose, save the DeAnza and Sainte Claire hotel shops, are following the new price and hour schedule.

The Santa Clara County building boom is continuing without termination in sight. Building crafts are busier than even during war days and the industrial plants being built are providing new fields for union organization.

Many union groups have brought conventions to San Jose during the past year until the city is rapidly developing into the state's conven-tion headquarters. Unfortunately the larger conventions cannot be accommodated as yet, due to lack

of housing. Central Labor Council activities continue to mount. With the termination of six months of activity by the Organizing Committee, the Labor Council, under Secretary LeRoy Pette and President Walter Jones, has been given more and more representation work and reports excellent progress.

Politically, the county labor movement is not together and no concerted campaign was made in behalf of any candidate-with the expected result.

Any effort to summarize the noteworthy events in a district this large would be doomed to failure, no matter how much space was allotted.

Obviously, certain happenings, certain names, certain important matters get left out in such a report. However, my contacts with district have shown that unanimity in labor success is the effort of all and that the labor leaders in the area have a harmonious and cooperative spirit.

In closing, let me again express my sincere appreciation for the

Shackling Won't Work

Employers who believe that labor - shackling legislation can solve labor-management problems should ponder what Abraham A. Desser, an official of the National Industrial Conference Board, has to say on that subject.

The organization is maintained for research by large employers, and Desser is its expert on collective bargaining.

"I am amazed," he declares, "at the number of employers who are placing their faith in such legislation. I would suggest that they examine the scores of measures which have been enacted in the past.

"My conclusion is that in no instance has a legislative decree been successful in preventing labor disputes over a long period. It may be a 'quickie' answer, but if we're looking for long-term peace we'd better examine our own balliwick."

Employers should look into factors that bring about the "basic insecurity" felt by workers, Desser asserts. He says this is rooted mainly in the fear of periodic depressions.

Wants You to Forget It

Remember those full-page ads the National Association of Manufacturers ran throughout the U.S. a year and a half ago promising that "prices will quickly adjust themselves to levels that consumers are willing to pay" if OPA were killed?

The NAM would just as soon you forgot about them. Addressing a public relations panel, NAM associate public relations director J. E. Drew said: "Sometimes we get a little too enthusiastic about our work and leave the impression that an ad is responsible for OPA being dropped or the Taft-Hartley bill passed. Let's throw that idea out the window." One reason for the NAM's new unwillingness to take credit for killing of price control may be that living costs have gone up more than 25 per cent since the ad appeared in print.

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Not Done with Mirrors

The court waxed hot. "Sir," stormed the defense lawyer, "you have admitted you were seated on the right side of the passenger coach where you couldn't see an extra coach. Will you please explain to this jury how you can swear the line was doubletracked?"

"Well," meekly answered the witness, "I could look across the aisle and through the coach windows. I saw a train whiz by occasionally, and took it that there was either a track under it or else this railroad had some mighty good railroaders."

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(International Labor News Service)

Kingston, N.Y.-Warning that a great anti-labor crusade utilizing the restrictive provisions of the Taft-Hartley law is yet to come, Harold C. Hanover, secretary-treastion of Labor, urged trade unionists to redouble their efforts in exposing the labor-smashing intent of the National Association of Manufac-

Speaking before a gathering of labor union members here, Hanover said:

"The real purpose behind the Taft-Hartley law, NAM's purpose and that of every group sharing its hatred of labor, was to lay the foundation for an all-out effort to smash, once and for all, the labor movement in this country. Everything in NAM's record confirms this charge. Nothing in its past performance supports a denial."

Urging cooperation and teamwork among organized labor to win back favorable public opinion, Hanover declared:

'We have a good cause—a cause that is good for all the American people. But we've taken for granted everything we have achieved in the past. We have laid down on the job of selling the true story of labor to the one potential buyer whose purchase of our story can make us; whose refusal to buy can break us—the American public.

"If we are to win back what we have lost and protect ourselves against future disaster, we have to make ourselves individual missionaries to the public. Wherever we are, we have to take advantage of every opportunity to tell our story; to deny the falsehoods about us; to repeat and repeat the truth about the labor movement.

"This is our last chance and make no mistake about that. The decision as to whether we are to go forward or go back is the responsibility of every man and woman in the labor movement."

"Signs of Life"

"Heed the 'Signs of Life' and help reduce highway accidents," was the appeal of Clifford E. Peterson, commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, explaining that "Signs of Life" are the traffic signs, signals and pavement markings installed on streets and highways to safeguard traffic.

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At the end of a history class the teacher, borrowing an idea from announcers of radio serials, wrote on the blackboard:

"Will Aaron Burr succeed in wresting the west from the United States? Will the American people sanction the Louisiana Purchase? Come to class tomorrow and find out."

The territory now comprising the state of Washington was separated from the state of Oregon in 1853.

Those front row and side aisle seats at the movies may soon seem desirable. A new curved movie screen of fiber glass is said by its designer to eliminate distotion, no matter at what angle you peer at it.-Wall Street Journal.

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Pest control: The Army has developed a "wolf-call" tuning fork mosquito traces the hum to the A and B virus.

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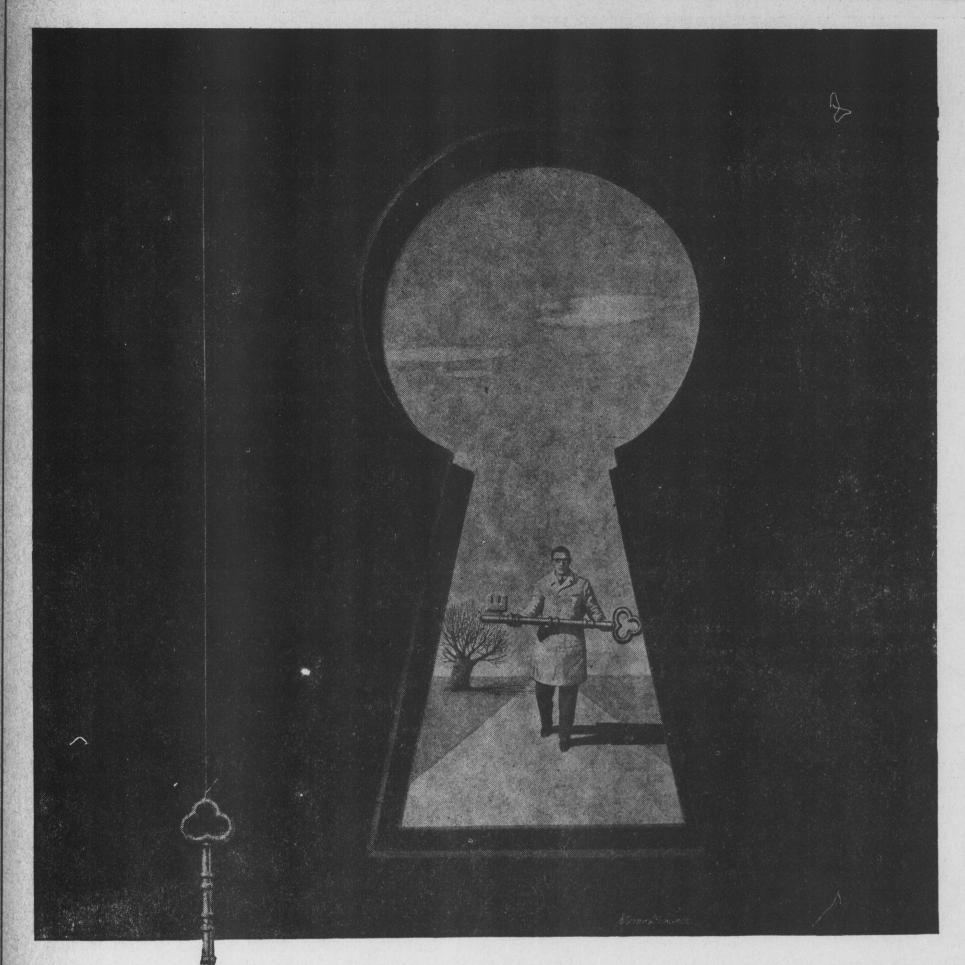
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